
Louisiana

Registration Status: Practice Act

Effective Date: January 1, 2011

Exemptions: Federal and state employees; energy and mineral resources exploration; geologic research, teaching; archaeological investigation; geotechnical engineering, land surveying; and water well drilling.

ASBOG® Membership: Since 2015

Update: Louisiana Act No. 36 of 2013, effective August 1, 2013, authorized the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists to set licensure fees. Louisiana Act No. 475, effective August 1, 2024, authorized the Louisiana Board of Professional Geoscientists to increase fees.

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Board Composition: Nine members appointed by the governor: six geoscientists, one licensed professional engineer with expertise in geotechnical engineering and geoscience, and two members of the public. All nine appointments are subject to Louisiana Senate confirmation.

Requirements:

Education: Graduated from a course of study in a discipline of geoscience satisfactory to the Board that consists of at least four years of study including at least 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of credit in geoscience, of which at least 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours of credit must be in upper-level college courses in that discipline. Alternatively, satisfactorily completed other equivalent educational requirements as determined by the Board.

Experience: A minimum of five years of qualifying experience beyond undergraduate degree; up to two years of graduate work may be substituted for qualifying work experience. Additionally, three references are required attesting to a good moral and ethical character of the applicant.

Examination: ASBOG® Fundamentals of Geology and Practice of Geology examinations

Continuing Education: Fifteen professional development hours are required each renewal period, including one hour of professional ethics.

Grandfathering: January 1, 2014

Cooperative Licensure - (Comity/Reciprocity): Agreements in place with Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas

Registrant Count: PGs: 1430 total granted; 859 active
GIT: 24 currently active; 26 now licensed; 10 lapsed (total 60)

Information Updated: September 19, 2024
